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MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTY-NINTH ANNUAL

SESSION

OF THE

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

OF REGULAR BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

Round Hill Church

Wilkes County

October 4, 5 and 6, 1957

A. C. SIDDEN, Moderator ..... Traphill, N. C.

CHARLIE MILES, Sec.-Treas. ..... Traphill, N. C.

The next session will convene with Liberty Knob Church, near Roaring Gap, N. C., to commence on Friday at 11:00 A.M., before the first Sunday in October, 1958. Elder Spencer Norman to preach the introductory sermon. Elder R. F. Harrold, Alternate.

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Barker, M. F. ..... Rt. 1, Roaring River, N. C.

Barker, Olin ..... Rt. 1, Roaring River, N. C.

Billings, J. I. ..... Hays, N. C.

Burcham, C. C. ..... Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Dameron, Ivan 199 Sparta Road, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Dillard, M. C. ..... Rt. 1, Hays, N. C.

Harrold, R. F. ..... Hays, N. C.

Harrold, Ranzy ..... Hays, N. C.

Hanks, McKinley ..... Hays, N. C.

Holbrook, Dewey ..... Winston-Salem, N. C.

Miles, Charlie ..... 109 Rosedale Drive, Elkin, N. C.

Norman, Spencer ..... Thurmond, N. C.

Sidden, A. C. ..... Rt. 1, Traphill, N. C.

Taylor, George ..... Rt. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

LICENTIATES

Byrd, Elton ..... Dobson, N. C.

Cox, R. A. ..... Jonesville, N. C.

Hicks, W. E. ..... Traphill, N. C.

Holbrook, L. B. ..... Rt. 1, Traphill, N. C.

Spicer, J. M. ..... Thurmond, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

of the

EIGHTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

of

REGULAR BAPTISTS

Convened with Round Hill Baptist Church, October 4, 5 and 6th. 1957.

Service introduced by Elder A. C. Sidden, reading 5th. chapter of 2nd. Corinthians, and offering prayer.

Introductory sermon by Elder Charlie Miles, text, Matthew, 24:4, Take heed that no man deceive you.

Intermission 30 minutes.

Delegates reassembled in the house, after a number of songs, the Moderator called on Elder Don Smith to open the association, who read St. Matthew, 5:1-12. Prayer by Elder Smith.

Association called to order by the Moderator.

Called for Associational Letters, 15 were handed in and read by the Clerk. Delegates seated.

Invited newly constituted churches or any regular Baptist Church of our faith and order. None came.

On motion elect Moderator and Clerk by private ballot. Moderator to appoint tellers. He appointed Elders Don Smith, H. F. Royal and Charlie Wooten, who reported Elder A. C. Sidden, Moderator and Elder Charlie Miles, Clerk. Report received.

On motion invited Correspondents of our faith and order. A letter from the Union Baptist Association of Alleghany County, N. C. was handed in and read by the clerk, and the following seated; Elders Don Smith, H. F. Royal, M. C. Tedder, Cleo Poole, Ray Andrews, A. C. Wooten. Brethren R. T. Landreth.

On motion invite Transients and visitors of same faith and order to seats with us. Elders M. C. Dillard, M. F. Barker, Reece Bedsaul, B. H. Barker, Walter Morrison and the following Brethren and sisters; T. P. Kirby, Lester Moxley, Elmer Fender, L. M. Higgins, Mrs. L. M. Higgins, Lillian Smith, Mrs. Walter Morrison, Mrs. Clyde Gillispie, Mrs. T. P. Kirby, came forward and were seated.

On motion Moderator be empowered to make all temporary appointments during this session.

The following were appointed:

Ministry: Sherman Roupe, J. N. Royal, A. M. Holbrook.

Finance: M. A. Blackburn, B. C. Speaks, M. C. Brown.

Arrangements: Corbett Wall, J. H. Stamper, T. A. Miles, Alton Carter, Curtis Johnson.

On motion Moderator, Clerk and Correspondents be invited to set with this committee.

Obituaries: Harvey Holbrook, Mack Holbrook, Brett Hawkins.

Temperance: G. E. Dillard, A. C. Brown, W. E. Hicks.

Resolutions: Avery Harrold, W. C. Wiles, Carl Wood.

Time, Place, and Preacher: Edd McGrady, R. M. Wyatt, B. F. Norman.

To write Corresponding letter Elder Charlie Miles.

Committee on Ministry report, for tonight: Elder M. F. Barker, Ray Andrews, Charlie Wooten.

For tomorrow: M. C. Dillard, Reece Bedsaul, C. C. Burcham.

On motion adjourn to 10:00 a. m. tomorrow.

Closed by Elder Charlie Wooten, who lined Hymn number 3 in Primitive Hymn Book and offered prayer.

FRIDAY NIGHT 7:00 P. M.

1st. Elder M. F. Barker, read part of the seventh chapter of Revalations and offered prayer.

2nd. Bro. R. A. Cox; Text; Psalm 1:1.

3rd. Elder B. H. Barker, No text.

4th. Remarks by Elder A. C. Sidden; Song and handshake.

Benediction by Elder Charlie Miles.

SATURDAY, 10:00 A. M.

Song Service 20 minutes.

Service introduced by Elder L. E. Sparks, reading Hebrews 13 and making timely remarks. Prayer by Elder M. C. Dillard.

Called for report of Committee on Arrangements. Report handed in, read and on motion take up items as they appear on the bill:

1. Called roll.

2. Read minutes of yesterday.

3. Extended an invitation to newly constituted or any Regular Baptist Church of our faith and order. None came.

4. Extended an invitation to Correspondents of our faith and

order. Brethren Clyde Gillespie, Floyd Halsey and Robert Sparks came forward and were seated.

5. Extended an invitation to Transients and visitors. Elder L. E. Sparks; Brethren Clarence Cox, Guy Scott, Luther Brown, Jesse Royal, A. J. Holbrook came forward and were seated.

6. On motion instruct the Clerk to have 1,250 minutes printed distribute them according to contribution of each church, he to have $30.00 for his services.

7. Called on Committee on Temperance to report. They report; We your committee on Temperance advise our churches to be temperate in all things that belong to God. Not to do anything that will cause our brother to come into condemnation. Always seek after that which is good. Temperate in the doctrine that is preached in our churches and see that it is the gospel of Jesus Christ. And above all hold fast to the faith that was once delivered to the saints.

W. E. HICKS, JR.
A. C. BROWN
G. E. DILLARD, Committee.

Report received.

8. Called on Committee on Obituaries. They report 7 turned in 1 in the hands of the Clerk, 2 in the hands of the Moderator. Total 10. On motion instruct the Clerk to have these obituaries printed.

9. Called on Committee on Resolutions to report. They report: We the committee on Resolutions submit the following; We thank Almighty God who has power over all, who sees and hears all for his many blessings. For giving us this wonderful privilege. May fellowship and cooperation exist always in our churches for the advancement of God's Kingdom. And may we read God's Word and have prayer often in our homes. We sincerely thank the people of this community for their kindness and hospitality during this association. That we encourage our young members to take a more active part in the work of the churches.

W. C. WILES,
CARL WOOD
AVERY HARROLD, Committee.

Report received.

10. Called on committee on Ministry to report. They report:
For tonight 7:00 p. m.
1st. Elder Spencer Norman.
2nd. Elder Ivan Dameron.
3rd. R. F. Harrold.
For Sunday 10:30 a. m.
1st. Elder H. F. Royal.

2nd. Elder Don Smith.

3rd. Elder A. C. Sidden.

J. S. ROUPE
J. N. ROYAL
A. M. HOLBROOK, Committee

Report received.

11. Called for Corresponding Letter and appointed Correspondents as follows:

North Carolina
Wilkes County

We the Primitive Baptist Association.

to

The Union Baptist Association of Alleghany County, N. C.
Greetings:

Being now in session with Round Hill Baptist Church, appreciating your past correspondence and being earnestly desirous of a continuation of Christian correspondence have chosen our beloved Brethren to bear this letter to you.

Elders: A. C. Sidden, Charlie Miles, Ivan Dameron, M. C. Dillard, M. F. Barker, R. F. Harrold, Spencer Norman.

Brethren: G. M. Royal, F. A. Royal, W. E. Hicks, J. N. Royal, R. A. Cox, W. C. Wiles, G. F. Lyon, Leo Golden, Earnest Wood, B. F. Norman, T. A. Miles, Reid Miles.

We hope you will receive the letter with the brethren and that their presence, may strengthen the love and fellowship that now exists between us.

Love, peace and union seems to abound among us at this setting.

Please continue to pray for us, that we may be rich in faith and exemplify the Christian religion.

May peace and the love of God ever abound with you.

CHARLIE MILES, Committee.

12. Called on Correspondents of last year to report; Elders A. C. Sidden, Charlie Miles, M. F. Barker, Brethren W. E. Hicks, Jr., G. M. Royal, F. A. Royal, J. N. Royal, B. F. Norman, Kenneth Wood, Leo Golden, G. F. Lyon and R. A. Cox report having attended The Union Association, were kindly received, welcomed and enjoyed the peaceful sitting of the association.

On motion receive the report of the brethren and excuse those who failed.

13. Called on Committee on Finance to report. They reported;

Received from the churches, $157.40; Received for three pictures, $15.00, total $172.40.

M. A. BLACKBURN
B. C. SPEAKS
M. C. BROWN, Committee.

Report received.

14. Called on Committee on Time, Place and Preacher to report. They report. Time Friday, before the first Sunday in October, 1958. Place, Liberty Knob Church, To preach introductory sermon Elder Spencer Norman, Alternate Elder R. F. Harrold.

EDD McGRADY
R. M. WYATT
B. F. NORMAN, Committee.

Report received.

15. Called on Committee appointed last year to report, after discussion, on motion drop this matter and discharge the committee.

16. Called on Treasurer of last year to report. He reports:

REPORT OF TREASURER FOR 1956

Balance from 1955	$ 10.98	
Received from the churches	152.10	
For picture of Br. Noah Watkins	5.00	
Total		$168.08
Paid for printing minutes	$135.50	
Clerk's fees	30.00	
Total		$165.50
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer	$3.08	

CHARLIE MILES, Treasurer, 1956

Report received.

17. On motion dispense with reading minutes of today.

18. On motion at his request Elder Charlie Miles inquire as to cause of Antioch Church not representing this year.

19. On motion adjourn at close of preaching today to time and place of next session. Singing a number of old songs while taking the parting hand, marked the peaceful closing of the eighty ninth session of the Primitive Association. Closing prayer and benediction by Elder Charlie Miles.

ELDER A. C. SIDDEN, Moderator
ELDER CHARLIE MILES, Clerk.

SATURDAY, 1:00 P. M.

Song Service 20 minutes.

Prayer Elder Charlie Wooten.

1st. Elder M. C. Dillard, Text, St. John 12:27, "Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say."

2nd. Elder Reece Bedsaul, Text, Gen. 22:8, "God will provide himself a lamb."

3rd. Elder C. C. Burcham, Text, 1-8. "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself."

SATURDAY NIGHT, 7:00 P. M.

Song Service 20 minutes.

1st. Elder Spencer Norman read 1st. Corinthians 13 followed by exortation. Prayer by Sister Annie Cox.

2nd. Elder Ivan Dameron, Text, St. Luke 3:6, "And all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

3rd. Elder R. F. Harrold, Text, Gen. 42:36. "And Jacob said all of these things are against me."

SUNDAY, 10:30 A. M.

Song Service 20 minutes.

Service introduced by Elder A. C. Sidden reading Phil. 4:8. Prayer by W. E. Hicks, Jr.

1st. Elder H. F. Royal, Text, 1st. Samuel, 17:29. "Is there not a cause."

2nd. Elder Don Smith, Text, St. John 3:17. "For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world."

3rd. Elder A. C. Sidden. Text, St. John, 1:36. "Behold the lamb of God."

Singing a number of songs, while taking the parting hand, many were made to feel the presence of His Spirit.

Benediction by Elder A. C. Sidden.

ROLL OF DELEGATES

Antioch: Not represented.

Austin: Edd McGrady, B. C. Speaks, Ivan Dameron, Boyd Caudill, Granville Lyon.

Bethany: E. M. Wiles, M. A. Blackburn.

Double Creek: A. M. Holbrook, R. M. Wyatt.

Garden Creek: J. P. Brooks, M. C. Brown, Nora Gilliam, Eudemma McGrady.

Liberty Knob: J. N. Royal, G. M. Royal, F. A. Royal, Clay Royal, Earnest Wood.

Mining Ridge: R. A. Cox, Spencer Norman, Leo Golden, Mack White, Corbett Wall.

Mountain Valley: J. H. Stamper, C. A. Stamper, Lizzie Davis, Carl Stamper.

New Covenant: T. A. Miles, Reid Miles.

Oak Level: Robert Barker, Alton Carter, Martin Gentry.

Rachel: Curtis Johnson, Abner Caudill, J. G. Blevins, Carl Wood.

Roaring River: Bill Hicks, Harvey Holbrook, Walter McBride, Buell Warren. Elder A. C. Sidden.

Round Hill: Bland Lowe, W. C. Wiles, Manley Pruitt, Mack Holbrook, Ezra Brooks.

Round Mountain: Ray T. Blevins, Elder C. C. Burcham, J. S. Roupe, A. C. Brown.

Union: Elder Charlie Miles, Dorothy Royal, Ruby Cox, Quentin Hawkins, Carl Cacy.

Zion: G. E. Dillard, Avery Harrold, Barney Teague, E. M. Harrold.

OBITUARIES

BENJAMIN BLAINE ABSHER

Benjamin Blaine Absher, 64, of Elkin, died unexpectedly Friday afternoon at the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital.

He was the son of Alex and Melinda Jolly Absher. He married the former Miss Collie Cockerham in 1920.

Mr. Absher was a member of Oak Level Baptist Church in Wilkes County.

Surviving are his wife; a son, Edward Absher of the home; five daughters, Mrs. Lawrence Settle of Ronda, Mrs. Ben Oliver of Fort Bragg, Mrs. Hubert Luffman of Mooresville, Mrs. J. B. Luffman and Mrs. John Darnell, both of Elkin; one brother, Carl Absher of Elkin; five sisters, Mrs. Jettie Watson of Elkin, Mrs. Lillie Deckson of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Mary Burchette of High Rock, Pa., Mrs. Gordon Wagoner of Roaring River and Mrs. Zella Frost of Galax, Va.

Funeral service was held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and was conducted by the Rev. N. C. Teague, the Rev. Johnny Luffman and the Rev. Richard Day. Interment was in the church cemetery.

FANNIE MAE WOOD HUTSON

Fannie Mae Wood Hutson, daughter of the late H. A. and Nancy Money Wood, was born November 29, 1873 and passed away October 1, 1957 at the age of 83 years, 10 months and 1 day.

She was married to Gordon Hutson who preceeded her in death.

Mrs. Hutson was converted at the age of 12 and joined Liberty Knob Baptist Church. In November, 1941 she moved her membership to Bethany Baptist where she remained a member.

She is survived by one brother, C. W. Wood of Route 2, North Wilkesboro and several nieces and nephews.

And the following step-children: Mrs. W. T. Johnson, Millers Creek; Mrs. J. L. Wyrick, Crumpler; W. B. Hutson, Columbus, Ohio; Charles Hutson, Columbus, Ohio; Joe Hutson, West Virginia; Mrs. Henry Douglass, North Wilkesboro; Fred Hutson, Pittsburgh, Penn.; John Hutson, Miami, Florida.

RUTH MAE ROYAL FOX

Ruth Mae Royal Fox, daughter of George M. Royal and Grace McKnight Royal was born May 14, 1915, and died March 31, 1957, at the age of 41 years, 10 months and 17 days.

She professed a hope in Christ and united with Liberty Knob Baptist Church on the third Saturday in November, 1934 and was baptized on the following Sunday by Elders George W. Miles and A. F. Walker.

She has lived a devoted and faithful member, usually attending services at another church when there were no services at her home church.

She was married to Elwood Fox, January 25, 1946, and is survived by her father, mother, husband, two sisters: Miss Thelma Royal, Elkin; Mrs. Bettie Jo Hanks, Winston-Salem; nine brothers: Herman and Sam Royal, Elkin; Raymond Royal, U. S. Air Force, Texas; Dwight Royal, U. S. Air Force, Germany; Edward Royal, Glade Valley; Clyde Royal, Baltimore, Maryland; Junior Royal, Sparta; Andy Mack and R. C. Royal, Roaring Gap; who with many relatives and unnumbered friends are saddened at her passing, but are sincerely confident that our present loss is her eternal gain.

At the close of day, she is called away,
We can not understand,
And yet we know, we too must go,
To an unseen borderland.

In early youth, she embraced the truth,
In wisdom's ways she trod,
She followed the Lord, trusted in His word,
To become a child of God.

Her life was beauty, filled with duty,
Cheerful, loving and kind,
Sweet songs of cheer, encouraged her,
To elevate her mind.

We do not tell, our Ruth farewell,
Nor do we say good-bye,
For we may meet, where life is sweet,
In the land beyond the sky.

Written by Elder Charlie Miles.

IDA HIGGINS BILLINGS

Ida Higgins Billings, daughter of the late John F. and Alice Jennings Higgins. Born April 30, 1878. Passed quietly away September 8, 1957. Age 79 years, 4 months, 8 days.

Married to Avery C. Billings April 24, 1907, who preceded her in death.

Unto this union were born two children, Hubert Billings, North Wilkesboro, Mrs. W. E. Reynolds, Hays. She is also survived by one grandson Bill Reynolds, who is in the U. S. Army. Three brothers seven sisters.

She professed a hope in Christ and united with New Covenant Baptist Church in December 1909, where she remained a faithful member until death.

She taught the Primary Class in Sunday School for around 40 years.

Her entire life was devoted to her family, her church and her friends and especially to the children in the community.

The vacancy left by her will never be filled, but we can be comforted by the knowledge that our loss is her eternal gain.

She leaves a heritage to her family and loved ones that only a Christian mother can leave. We believe the influence she exerted for the good of her church and community will live on in our lives long after here earthly remains have crumbled back to dust.

Funeral services were conducted at New Covenant Baptist Church by Elders Jimmie Bryant and Arthur Gambill and burial was in the church cemetery.

Our mother so dear, to us so near,
Moved out to be at rest,
So near the throne, our loved and own,
Lives with the saints and blest.

We miss her face, at the old home place,
We miss her cherry smile,
But we all may go, when through below,
To rest in Heaven a while.

JOHN HARDING YALE

John Harding Yale, was born October 29, 1876. Died January 13, 1957. Age 80 years, 2 months and 14 days.

He was united in marriage August 24, 1902 to Samantha DeBorde, who preceded him in death. Of this union, one son survives, William Arnold Yale of Roaring River, North Carolina.

A second marriage was to Sally Johnson on November 7, 1907, who also preceded him in death. Of this union four children survive.

Samuel J. and John Foster Yale of Traphill, North Carolina. Mrs. Sally Lycon, Deland Florida, and George M. Yale of Charlotte, North Carolina.

He was married on August 16, 1930 to Miss Thelma Truitt, who survives along with five children. Mrs. Lena Ruth Wooten of Supply, North Carolina. Clarence, Alton, Naomi, Glenn of the home.

In addition to his children he leaves seven grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing among whom are three brothers, Elihu Yale of Traphill, North Carolina, Abraham Yale of Hays, North Carolina, Jesse Yale of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, and two sisters, Mrs. Fannie Truitt of Roaring River, North Carolina. Mrs. Lois Miller of Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

He professed a hope in Christ and joined Roaring River Church September 1, 1903 and was baptized September 2, 1903 by Elders J. O. Wood and Eli Sebastian. He was ordained a deacon on the fourth Saturday in June 1910. He was an active member and deacon for a period of more than twenty years, traveling many miles as a messenger to other churches or as a delegate to the association.

SAMUEL LEE HOLCOMB

Samuel Lee Holcomb, son of Ira and Verda Cockerham Holcomb, born December 6, 1954. Died August, 19, 1957, age 2 years, 8 months, 13 days.

Survived by Father and Mother, one sister Linda Holcomb all of the home and his grandfather Wint Holcomb, also of the home.

He was afflicted all of his life, but was the more precious to his parents and friends on account of the affliction.

Another flower, plucked by his power,
To bloom in Heaven so sweet,
His Angelic form, will fear no storm,
And we again shall meet.

His absent face, at our home place,
May make us love him more,
Till we arrive, with him alive,
On Heavens golden shore.

We do not say good bye, for in heaven on high,
Where flowers so sweetly bloom,
We side by side, may ever abide.
Where Christ says "There is Room"

BERTIE WILES DOWELL

Bertie Wiles Dowell, was born February 28, 1893. Died December 21, 1956. She was the daughter of the late Lonza and Rosa Wiles.

She was married to Everett Dowell and to this union were born seven children.

Mrs. Dowell professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined New Covenant Baptist Church, where she remained a member until death.

Weep not for me dear children,
Let not this grieve your heart,
But meet me up in Heaven,
Where we shall never part.

MORGAN MONROE WOOD

Morgan Monroe Wood, son of the late John Wood and Louisa Brown Wood, born, December 28, 1898. Died February, 15, 1957. Age 59 years.

Professed a hope in Christ in early life and united with Bethany Baptist Church, where his membership remained.

Married to Miss Etta Chapell, to this union was born two children.

Surviving are the widow, one son Clarence Wood, Winston-Salem, Route 3, one daughter Mrs. J. T. Myers, Walkertown, Route 1, one sister Mrs. Nealie Wood, North Wilkesboro, Route 2, two brothers, McKinley Wood, Mt. Vernon Springs, Route 1, L. W. Wood, North Wilkesboro, Route 2, five grand children who with unnumbered friends and acquaintances now mourn his peaceful passing, but confidently look forward to meeting him again.

We do not know, where they go,
Or just how long 'Twill be,
But we are satisfied just to know,
With them we soon shall be.

JAMES SYLVESTER NORMAN

James Sylvester Norman, son of the late Franklin and Matilda Shore Norman. Born June 7, 1876. Died, May 25, 1957. Age 80 years, 9 months, 18 days.

Married to Miss Rausie Wilmoth, who passed away about 1907. Second marriage to Miss Bertie Wright, who passed away, 1937. Third marriage to Miss Grace Lowe, who survives.

Five daughters Mrs. Corbett Wall and Mrs. Howard Draughn, Elkin, Mrs. Oscar Holcomb, State Road, Mrs. Frank Brown, Dobson, and Miss Frankie Norman of the home, two step daughters Miss Linney Wright and Mrs. Raymond Southern, State Road, 18 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and two step grandchildren. Two brothers B. F. Norman, F. W. Norman, State Road, two sisters Mrs. Cora Welborn, State Road, Mrs. W. R. Snow, Elkin, Route 2.

United with Mining Ridge Baptist Church September 9, 1950, where he remainded a faithful member as long as he was able to attend.

Through 80 years, of toils and tears,
His way he wearily trod,
Then went to rest, with all the blest,
In the paradise of God.

May we all meet, where life is sweet,
Where Christ our Saviour Stands,
And sorrow no more on the celestial shore,
In the house not made with hands.

MARY FRANCES HUTCHISON

Mary Francis Hutchison, McGrady was born March 1, 1899. Died May 13, 1957. Age 58 years, 2 months and 12 days.

She was married to J. S. McGrady September 29, 1920. Unto this union were born nine children. Five boys and four girls.

They are: Mrs. Wilson L. Osborne of Bristol, Va., Mrs. Bill Burnette of Valdosta, Ga., Mrs. Ray S. Brown, of Key West, Florida and Miss Ella Mae McGrady of the home. Mr. Vaughn McGrady, Clyde McGrady, Glenn McGrady, Carl McGrady of Traphill, N. C. and Charlie McGrady of Greenville, South Carolina.

She leaves her husband, children, nine grandchildren, three brothers, three sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her passing but we believe from her pious, industrious and good life that she has entered into eternal rest.

She professed a hope in Christ and joined Stone Mountain Methodist church in early life. This church was disbanded and she joined Roaring River Baptist church August 2, 1952 where her membership was at death.

Mother, dear mother, your voice was so sweet,
Whether you called us to work or to eat.
No more on earth your voice we'll hear.
This makes our loss harder to bear.

We hope to hear your voice and see your face
In that mansion, that beautiful place
That Jesus, said, "If I go away, I'll prepare,"
And come come again and carry you there.

EMMA JANE BILLINGS

Emma Jane Billings, daughter of the late Boyden and Evelyn Buttery Goss, born February, 11, 1871, passed away December 22, 1956. Making her stay on earth 85 years, 10 months, 10 days.

She was united in marriage to Lewis Billings, unto this union was born 7 children. Five children and her husband preceded her in death a number of years ago.

The two living are Elder John I. Billings, Hays, and W. S. Billings, Hays.

Also surviving are nine grandchildren and a number of great grandchildren.

She professed a hope in Christ and joined Rachel Baptist Church in 1893, where she remained a member until death.

She leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn her passing, but we believe our loss is her eternal gain.

Funeral services were conducted at New Covenant Church by Rev. M. C. Dillard and Rev. C. C. Burcham, Burial was in the church cemetery.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known by the name of Primitive Baptist Association, and shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent in the Association; who on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to the seats. Each church shall be entitled to five delegates. In their letters is to be expressed their number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letter, by application and good recommendation, dismissed by letter, excluded, and dead since last Association.

2. The number thus chosen and convened have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have an ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in her union.

3. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular decorum.

4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Secretary, who shall be chosen annually by a majority of the votes of the members present, a majority of the churches being represented.

5. New church of any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our Faith and Order in good standing, either dismissed by letter from Sister Association, or by application and good recommendation, by sending up letter and delegates shall be admitted into the union.

6. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of its proceedings, the best method of accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

9. We think it necessary to have an association fund to defray the expenses of the Association, and it the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer who will be accountable to the Association for the same, and the Association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

10. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

11. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

12. Amendment to this form of Government may be made at any time, by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it expedient, by giving the churches twelve months' notice.

13. The Association shall act as advisory council and shall preserve a chain of communion among the churches and give advice in matters of difficulty.

14. The Association shall inquire into the cause if any church fails to represent at any time in the Association.

15. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this Constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

16. The Association may correspond with Sister Associations and invite any brother in the ministry in good standing or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing who may be of our faith and order to a seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of its sitting.

17. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think proper.

18. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar nor test to fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain the same as they may choose.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speach.

3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

4. He shall strictly adhere to his subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who speaks before, by making remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as clearly as he can, so as to convey his light or idea.

5. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association, without liberty obtained from the body, for his absence.

6. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the Association.

7. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in time of public speech.

8. No member of the Association shall address another by any other appellation than that of Brother.

9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member, nor prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he violates the Rules of Decorum.

10. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Secretary and called over as often as the Association requires.

11. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the casting vote.

12. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association, as shall be deemed proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and these three are One.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by Grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and are born again by the spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the Resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinance of the Gospel, except such as the regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Ordained Minister	Licentiates	Sat. of Church Meeting	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Received by Application	Lost by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution	Time of Communion
Antioch	Not Represented														
Austin	H. F. Royal	B. C. Speaks, R1, Traphill	1		1		1			1			66	10.50	July
Bethany	Ivan Dameron	Glenn Wood, R2, N. Wilkesboro	1	1	4	2	5			1		4	106	11.00	July
Double Creek	Arthur Gambill, Birch Handy	A. M. Holbrook, R1, Traphill			2					2			45	5.00	Aug.
Garden Creek	Charlie Miles	J. P. Brooks, R1, Traphill			1							1	10	5.25	Aug.
Liberty Knob	Charlie Miles, H. F. Royal	J. N. Royall, Roaring Gap			3							1	39	21.00	Aug.
Mining Ridge	R. F. Harrold, Charlie Miles	R. A. Cox, Jonesville	1	1	2		4					1	38	10.70	Aug.
Mountain Valley	Arthur Gambill	J. H. Stamper, McGrady			1			1				1	100	7.35	Aug.
New Covenant	Arthur Gambill	T. A. Miles, R1, Hays			3	1				4	2	2	102	12.00	Aug.
Oak Level	Olin Barker	Robert Barker, R1, R. River	2	1	3	7						1	128	7.50	Aug.
Rachel	Charlie Miles, L. E. Sparks	Curtis Johnson, Roaring River			1	8				2		1	194	11.00	Aug.
Roaring River	A. C. Sidden	Etta Brown, R1, Traphill	2	2	4	5				1		1	139	18.00	July
Round Hill	L. E. Sparks	Bland Lowe, State Road	1		2					1			103	8.10	Aug.
Round Mountain	Ivan Dameron	Ray T. Blevins, R1, Hays	3		1		1					2	68	10.00	Aug.
Union	Charlie Miles	Dorothy Royal, Thurmond	1		2	1				1			88	12.00	July
Zion	D. C. Miller, R. F. Harrold	G. E. Dillard, R1, Hays	2		4					8			70	8.00	Aug.
TOTALS			14	5		24	11	1		21	2	15	1296	157.40	

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENT	SECRETARY	Number Teachers	Enrolled	Average Attendance	Months Kept Open
Austin	B. C. Speaks	Bertha Hanks	4	77	54	12
Bethany	George Taylor	Hessie Wood	3	76	54	12
Double Creek	Claude Sidden	Benny Alexander	3	44	17	12
Mining Ridge	G. F. Lyon	Lexie Lyon	3	75	50	12
Mountain Valley	Bradley Perry	Lillian Stamper	4	60	40	12
New Covenant	Fred Dillard	Marjorie Aulsbury	4	68	35	12
Oak Level	Alton Carter	Dicie Gentry	6	128	82	12
Rachel	Curtis Johnson	Peggy Ann Blackburn	5	176	85	12
Round Hill	Mack Holbrook	Peggy Holbrook	3	50	35	12
Round Mountain	E. J. Caudill	Marie Brown	3	55	40	12
Union	David Church	H. W. Cox	5	108	63	12
Zion	Ranzy Harrold	Nannie Dillard	3	61	30	12
TOTALS			46	978	585	12

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